

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A data processing apparatus-implemented method for creating a privacy policy, comprising data processing apparatus-implemented steps of:
 - creating a policy group;
 - moving a data element to the policy group; and
 - generating a privacy policy based on the policy group.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the data element is a predefined data element.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the data element comprises at least one sub-element.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - updating a policy-wide property; and
 - generating the privacy policy based on the policy-wide property.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of generating a privacy policy comprises generating a human-readable version of the policy.
6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the human-readable version of the policy comprises a hypertext markup language version of the policy.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of generating a privacy policy comprises generating an extensible markup language version of the policy.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of generating a privacy policy comprises generating a compact policy.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of generating a privacy policy comprises generating a policy statement corresponding to the policy group.
10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the step of generating a privacy policy further comprises generating a table of policy elements, wherein a policy element in the table of policy elements corresponds to the policy statement.
11. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
identifying an error in the privacy policy; and
generating an error statement describing the error.
12. (Original) An apparatus for creating a privacy policy, comprising:
creation means for creating a policy group;
movement means for moving a data element to the policy group; and
generation means for generating a privacy policy based on the policy group.
13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the data element is a predefined data element.
14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the data element comprises at least one sub-element.
15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 12, further comprising:
means for updating a policy-wide property; and
means for generating the privacy policy based on the policy-wide property.
16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the generation means comprises means for generating a human-readable version of the policy.

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the human-readable version of the policy comprises a hypertext markup language version of the policy.
18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the generation means comprises means for generating an extensible markup language version of the policy.
19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the generation means comprises means for generating a compact policy.
20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the generation means comprises means for generating a policy statement corresponding to the policy group.
21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the generation means further comprises means for generating a table of policy elements, wherein a policy element in the table of policy elements corresponds to the policy statement.
22. (Original) The apparatus of claim 12, further comprising:
 - means for identifying an error in the privacy policy; and
 - means for generating an error statement describing the error.
23. (Original) An interface for creating a privacy policy, comprising:
 - a first portion for displaying predefined data elements;
 - a second portion for displaying groups of data elements, wherein a group of data elements shares at least one common property; and
 - a third portion for displaying a privacy policy generated from the groups of data elements.

24. (Original) A computer program product, in a computer readable medium, for creating a privacy policy, comprising:

instructions for creating a policy group;

instructions for moving a data element to the policy group; and

instructions for generating a privacy policy based on the policy group.